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KWMU St. Louis Public Radio - Suit Dismissed That Alleged West Lake Landfill's Radiation Had Spread - 8/25/14 - At the behest of the man who had filed the suit, a U.S. District Court has dismissed a suit that had alleged the radiation from the West Lake Landfill had spread into surrounding neighborhoods. <http://news.stlpublicradio.org/post/suit-dismissed-alleged-west-lake-landfills-radiation-had-spread>

Iowa City Press Citizen - Iowa farm groups to support water quality alliance - 8/25/14 - Three Iowa farm groups launched a new group Monday charged with accelerating the pace and scale of water-quality improvements across the state. The farm groups tapped Sean McMahon, who leads the Nature Conservancy's North American agriculture program, to lead the initiative. <http://www.press-citizen.com/story/news/local/2014/08/25/iowa-farm-groups-support-water-quality-alliance/14602257/>

Iowa Farm Bureau (release) - Iowa Ag Water Alliance to accelerate pace, scale of water quality improvement - 8/25/2014 - Accelerating the pace and scale of quantifiable water quality improvements in Iowa is the mission of the Iowa Agriculture Water Alliance (IAWA) launched today by agricultural and environmental stakeholders at a news conference in Des Moines. <http://www.iowafarmbureau.com/articles/126098/iowa-ag-water-alliance-to-accelerate-pace-scale-of-water-quality-improvement>

Lincoln Journal-Star - Governor calls EPA 'enemy of agriculture' - 8/25/14 - Gov. Dave Heineman on Monday called the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency the "enemy of agriculture" and said the federal agency is the biggest regulatory issue facing Nebraska producers. http://journalstar.com/business/agriculture/governor-calls-epa-enemy-of-agriculture/article_d3dd7794-f7be-5188-b826-634bb8d0916c.html

KIMT Ch. 3 Mason City, Iowa - Nitrates found in drinking water - 8/25/14 - The Mitchell County Care Facility was just recently cited by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for having high nitrate levels in their water. While those nitrates can have the greatest impact on infants and pregnant women, those in the county say the problem needs to be fixed now. <http://kimt.com/2014/08/25/nitrates-found-in-drinking-water/>

The City Wire (Fort Smith, Ark.) - Tyson Foods' Missouri problem risks millions in government contracts - 8/25/14 - Tyson Foods could lose around \$500 million in government contracts if found guilty in and ongoing criminal probe by the Environmental Protection Agency over the recent release of toxic chemicals at a plant in Monett, Mo. <http://www.thecitywire.com/node/34383>

The Hill - States: EPA climate regs illegally left out data - 8/25/14 - The attorneys general from 13 states told the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that its proposed rule in June to reduce carbon pollution from power plants broke the law by omitting supporting information. <http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/215917-states-epa-climate-regs-illegally-left-out-data>

KSN Ch. 3 Wichita, Kan. - Concern grows over contaminated groundwater in West Wichita - 8/25/13 - When people first heard about the contamination of well water in some areas of west Wichita, the response was a reasonable one: concern, for their health and for their property. Now, residents nearby are hoping to get the ball rolling on a switch over to city water as well, even though contamination hasn't spread to them. <http://ksn.com/2014/08/25/concern-grows-over-contaminated-groundwater-in-w-wichita/>

KOAM Ch. 7 Pittsburg/Joplin - The city of Neodesha loses bid to retry lawsuit against BP - 8/25/14 - More than 10 years ago, the city of Neodesha filed a lawsuit against BP claiming the company should provide more industrial cleanup from a closed oil refinery. A county jury returned a verdict in favor of BP. Now, city has lost its bid to retry the lawsuit.

<http://www.koamtv.com/story/26366700/the-city-of-neodesha-loses-bid-to-retry-lawsuit-against-bp>

Wichita Eagle - Coffeyville refinery to restart this week after fire - 8/25/14 - The Coffeyville refinery will restart operations this week after a fire shut it down on July 29. The Coffeyville Resources Refining & Marketing refinery, owned by CVR Refining of Sugar Land, Texas, stopped operations after the fire in its isomerization unit.

<http://www.kansas.com/news/business/article1291740.html>

Des Moines Register - Concern raised about Ankeny water - 8/25/14 - The City of Ankeny's water distribution system is in violation of a drinking water standard, according to a city press release issued Monday. Although not characterized as any sort of emergency, testing results received by the city on Aug. 11 show the maximum level for total

Trihalomethanes, or TTHM, were exceeded. <http://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/news/local/ankeny/2014/08/25/ankeny-waterworks/14580159/>

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St. Louis Business Journal - MSD buys property near River Des Peres for stormwater runoff initiative - 8/25/14 - MSD said in a statement that it would tear down part of the 60-year-old building, which is situated near River Des Peres, to make way for MSD Project Clear. That initiative involves building underground tunnels to store rain runoff during heavy storms then transport it to wastewater treatment plants. <http://www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/news/2014/08/25/msd-buys-property-near-river-des-peres-for.html>

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The press release states that no alternative source of water is required because of the reading, which officials say is not an immediate risk. Trihalomethanes are one of the most common disinfection by-products, and they form when chlorine used for disinfection reacts with organic matter present in the water.

During the first quarter of 2014, Des Moines Water Works, which supplies the City of Ankeny's water, saw elevated levels of ammonia and total organic carbon in both the Des Moines River and Raccoon River. Disinfection with chlorine is more difficult when ammonia is present in source waters. Additional chlorine is required to eliminate the ammonia and obtain proper disinfection during the final stage of water treatment. For that reason, chlorine levels have been higher since early January 2014.

Currently, Des Moines Water Works is reviewing operational changes and evaluating potential capital investments in their water treatment system to reduce TTHM levels. Because this notice is based on a running annual average of the most recent four consecutive quarters, customers may receive similar notices in future quarters until the annual average falls below the standard.

For more information, please contact the City of Ankeny's Utility Customer Service Department by calling 515-965-6484 or by mailing Utility Customer Service, 220 W. First St., Ankeny, Iowa, 50023, or contact Des Moines Water Works Customer Service at 515-283-8700.